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SUMMATION  
of  
UNITED STATES ARMY  
MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
ACTIVITIES  
in the  
RYUKYU ISLANDS

Number 11

May-June 1948

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SOCIAL

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# SECTION 1

## PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE

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### PREVENTIVE MEDICINE

#### Communicable Diseases

1. Malaria cases in the Ryukyus in May numbered 3,171 while trachoma cases totaled 1,711, the most common diseases in the islands. These two diseases accounted for 66 percent of the 13 principal communicable disease cases reported in May. Malaria incidence in the Southern Ryukyus continued its monthly decline from January. Note charts on the following two pages.

#### COMMUNICABLE DISEASE CASES

	<u>Okinawa-gunto</u>		<u>Northern Ryukyus</u>		<u>Southern Ryukyus</u>	
	<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>
Amoebic dysentery	12	29	65	44	49	39
Chickenpox	39	23	9	11	8	4
Diphtheria	24	0	7	0	1	5
Filariasis	22	22	14	28	84	32
German measles	40	54	0	0	0	0
Influenza	473	563	0	7	125	127
Malaria	2,315	2,766	7	19	398	354
Measles	35	15	38	92	18	0
Mumps	85	109	2	1	34	58
Pneumonia	81	301	25	75	255	169
Trachoma	1,328	1,232	54	168	425	314
Tuberculosis	203	247	75	87	40	25
Whooping cough	359	188	131	34	13	4

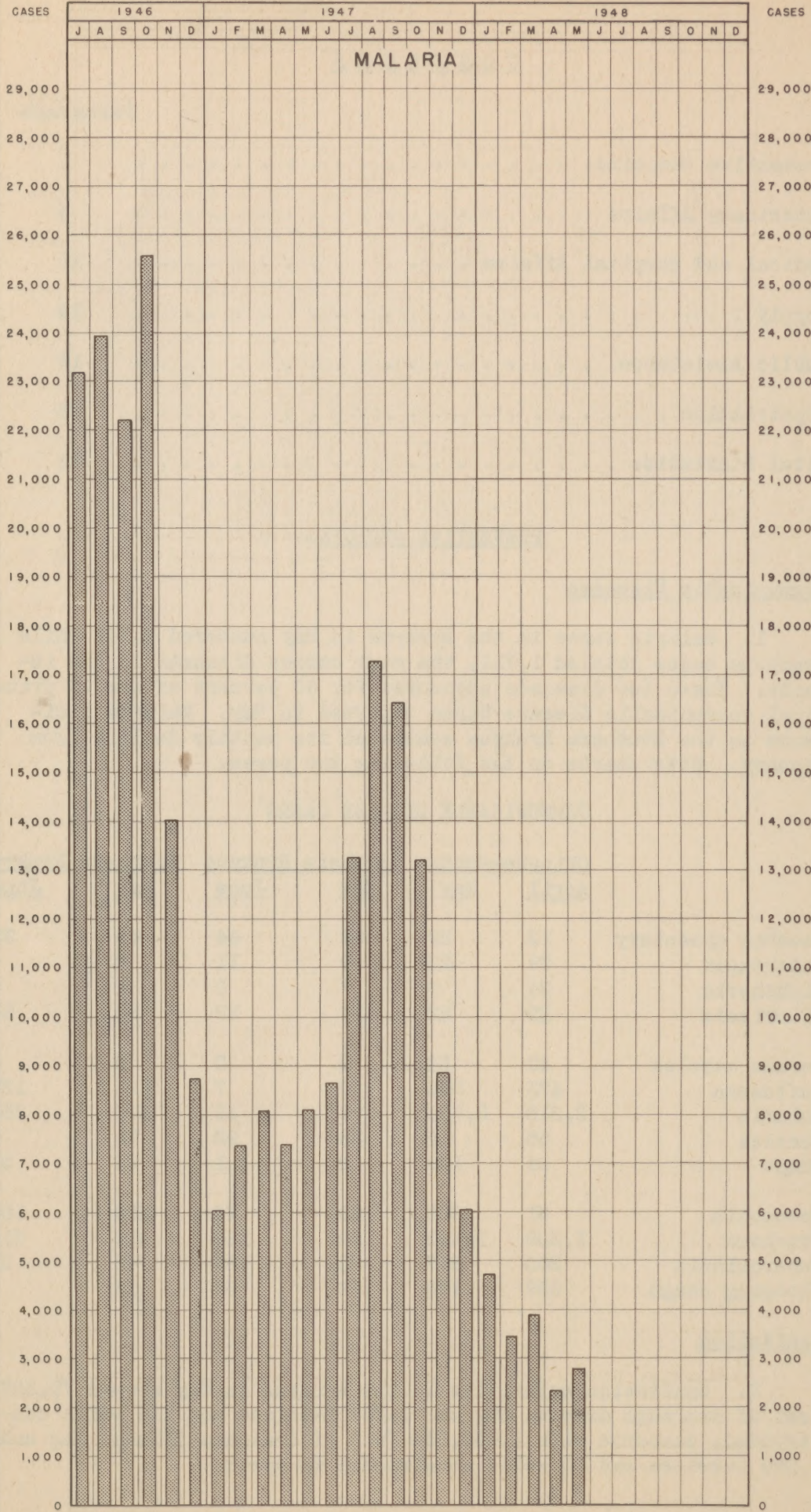
#### Sanitation

2. Sanitation activities in the Ryukyus in May showed 79,827 feet of drainage ditches dug and 1,288 latrines and 118 wells constructed, compared with 1,050,864 feet of drainage ditches dug and 1,376 latrines and 50 wells constructed in April.



# COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

OKINAWA-GUNTO · NEW CASES MONTHLY SINCE JULY 1946



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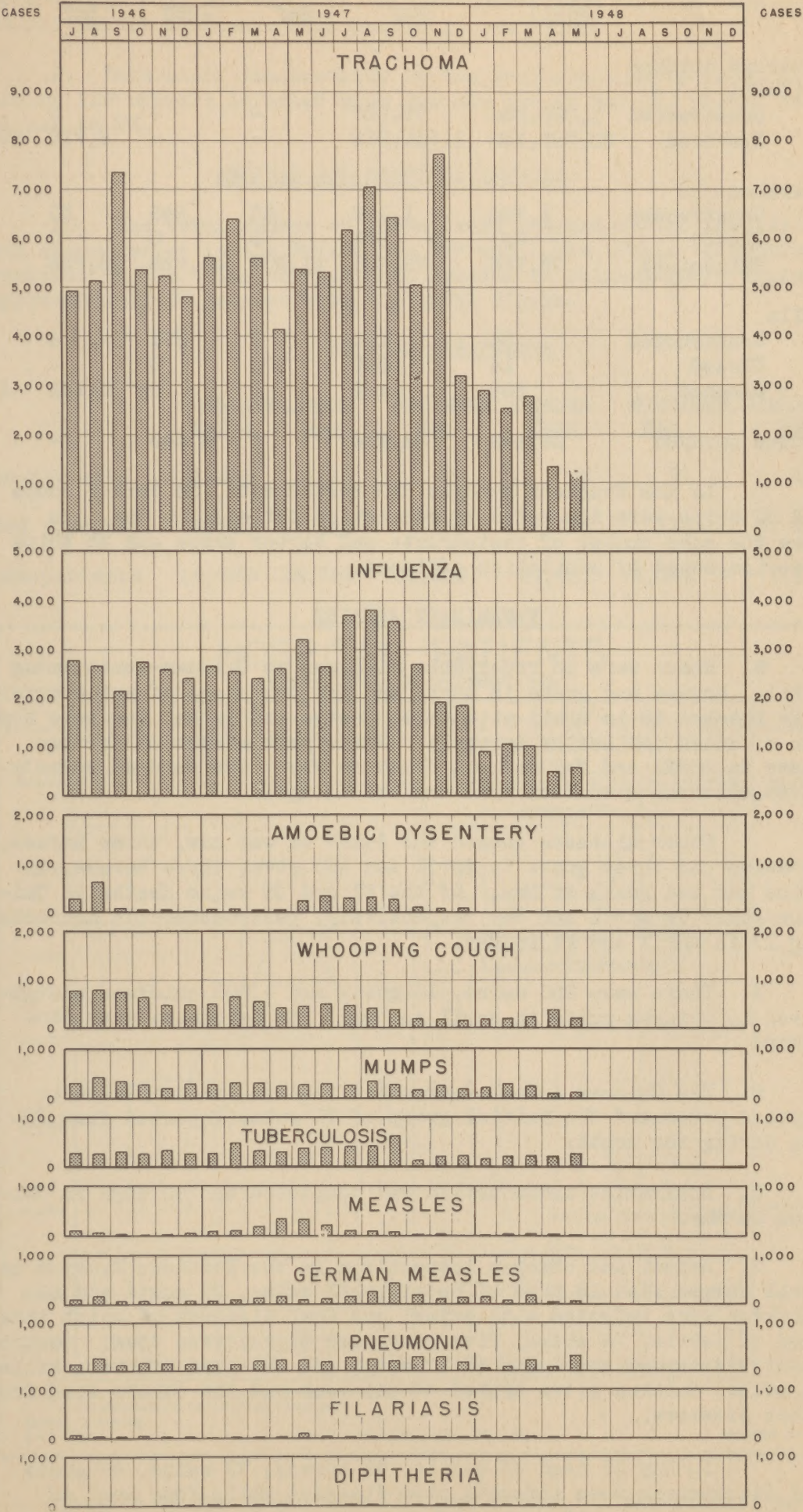
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# SANITATION ACTIVITIES

	<u>Okinawa-gunto</u>		<u>Northern Ryukyus</u>		<u>Southern Ryukyus</u>	
	<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>
Drainage ditches (feet)						
Constructed	1,050,864	79,827	-	-	0	125
Serviced	22,785,742	1,850,019	-	-	8,710	60,790
Latrines						
Constructed	1,332	1,196	42	248	50	54
Closed	284	281	0	0	0	0
Maintained	73,745	72,304	41,607	41,855	23,955	616
Wells						
Constructed	34	105	9	291	4	9
Closed	14	960	0	0	-	-
Cleaned	588	432	0	0	1,141	2,219
Houses sprayed	28,182	44,828	8	4,543	-	-

In the Southern Ryukyus 363 restaurants, 64 barber shops and 32 ships were inspected by sanitation officers in May. In June the same number of restaurants and barber shops and 35 ships were inspected by sanitation officers.

## VETERINARY AFFAIRS

3. There were no reportable diseases in Okinawa-gunto among cattle, horses and goats in April and May but cases of swine erysipelas totaled 18 in April with three deaths and in May the same number of cases and deaths occurred. Swine pest accounted for two cases in April and May and one death in May. One hundred seventy-three chickens died from fowl cholera in April.

Other diseases caused the death of one cow, three horses, 34 swine and three goats in April and two cows, three horses, 35 swine and two goats in May. Of the 37 and 39 swine deaths in Okinawa-gunto in April and May respectively, gastroenteritis accounted for 17 in April and 17 in May.

4. There were 250 swine, 10 goats and 1,300 chickens slaughtered in Okinawa-gunto in April and May. No carcasses were condemned.

5. The Okinawa Animal Quarantine Station was completed in May and processed the initial group of 70 swine imported from Japan during the month.

6. Antirabies immunization was completed on 700 dogs in Okinawa in May.

7. Animal and chicken inspections in the Northern Ryukyus in April showed that 18 head of cattle, 122 swine, 29 goats and 82 chickens were infected with animal and fowl diseases of which three head of cattle, 74 swine, five goats and 47 chickens died. Gastroenteritis caused the death of 20 swine and one goat, cholera killed 43 swine, chicken mites killed 47 chickens and the others died from other diseases.

In May 36 head of cattle, 48 horses, 79 swine, 47 goats and 86 chickens were infected with diseases while four head of cattle, one horse, 18 swine, seven goats and 44 chickens died.



8. Of the 327 swine and cattle slaughtered and examined in the Southern Ryukyus in April, carcasses of two animals were totally condemned and 16 partially condemned. In May 330 animals were slaughtered and examined, six carcasses were totally condemned and 12 carcasses were partially condemned.

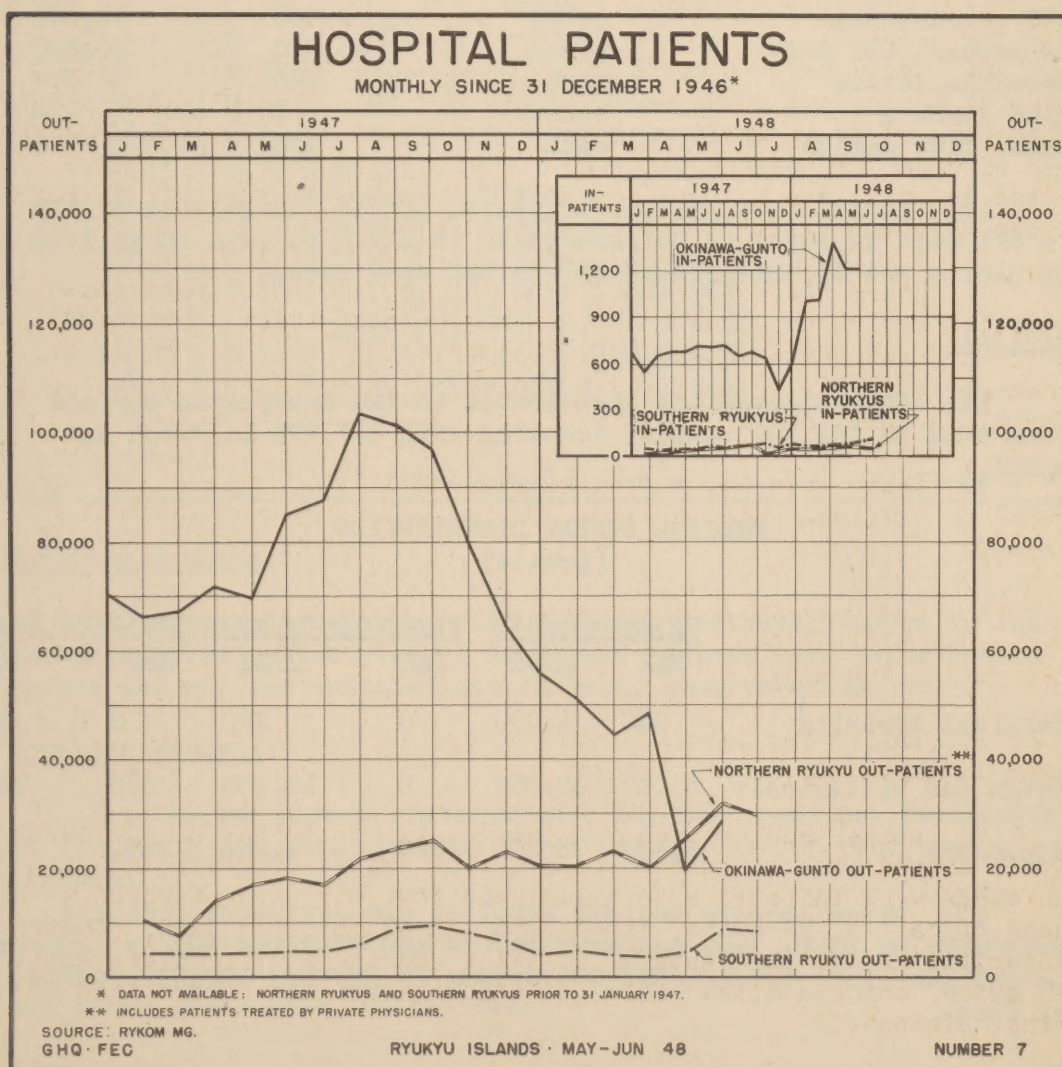
9. Veterinary examinations in the Southern Ryukyus in April showed 129 animals infected with disease but in May the number declined to 98.

#### MEDICAL AND HOSPITAL AFFAIRS

10. The total number of in-patients treated in the hospitals and dispensaries in the Ryukyus in May was 1,354, while out-patients numbered 68,932. The out-patients treated in Okinawa-gunto increased approximately 47 percent over the April figure.

#### MEDICAL TREATMENTS

	<u>Okinawa-gunto</u>		<u>Northern Ryukyus</u>		<u>Southern Ryukyus</u>	
	<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>
In-patients	1,215	1,212	51	49	91	112
Bed capacity	1,581	1,581	30	30	118	118
Out-patients	19,560	28,759	31,609	29,611	8,564	8,152



11. On 31 May there were 126 physicians, 71 physicians' assistants, 32 dentists, 25 dentists' assistants, 330 regular nurses, 214 student nurses, 131 nurses' aides, 319 midwives, 19 pharmacists and 62 veterinarians reported in Okinawa-gunto.



12. The new tuberculosis sanatorium with 300 beds was opened in the Ginuza district in Okinawa-gunto 1 July.

13. A refresher course for nurses was begun 29 June at the U. S. Army hospital in Okinawa-gunto with 10 nurses enrolled. These nurses are learning English besides their regular courses in order to minimize the language difficulty in working with American medical personnel.

### SUPPLY

#### Sanitation

14. The following supplies were distributed to the native villages in Okinawa-gunto in May and June for insect and rodent control:

#### DISTRIBUTION OF SANITATION SUPPLIES Okinawa-gunto

	<u>Unit</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>
Diesel oil	gallon	14,859	30,360
Rattraps	each	30,000	2,000
Rat bait	pound	60	0
Rat poison	pound	24	0
Insect repellent (six-ounce bottles)	each	27,000	0
DDT concentrate	pound	5,425	13,800
10 percent DDT dust	pound	55,500	90,550
Decontaminators	each	168	254
Hand dusters	each	0	113
Cans, five gallon	each	100	0

15. Twenty-five gallons of penite and 12,310 gallons of DDT in oil were expended in Okinawa-gunto in May. In June 10 gallons of penite and 15,031 gallons DDT in oil were used.

#### Medical

16. Medical supplies distributed in the Ryukyus in May and June totaled 182,240 pounds, compared with 157,973 in March and April.

#### MEDICAL SUPPLY DISTRIBUTION (pounds)

	<u>Okinawa-gunto</u>		<u>Northern Ryukyus</u>		<u>Southern Ryukyus</u>	
	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>
Surgical dressing	330	4,000	0	700	0	2,000
Drugs and biologicals	8,000	42,000	0	10,600	550	28,700
Equipment	5,500	73,600	300	3,300	1,860	800

17. Miscellaneous medical supplies and equipment received from surplus U. S. Army and Navy stocks and civilian supply sources on Okinawa-gunto totaled 326,086 pounds in May and 179,239 pounds in June.

#### Narcotics

18. Medicinal narcotics distributed in the Ryukyus in May totaled 484 pounds. In June 12 pounds of narcotic drugs were distributed in Okinawa-gunto.



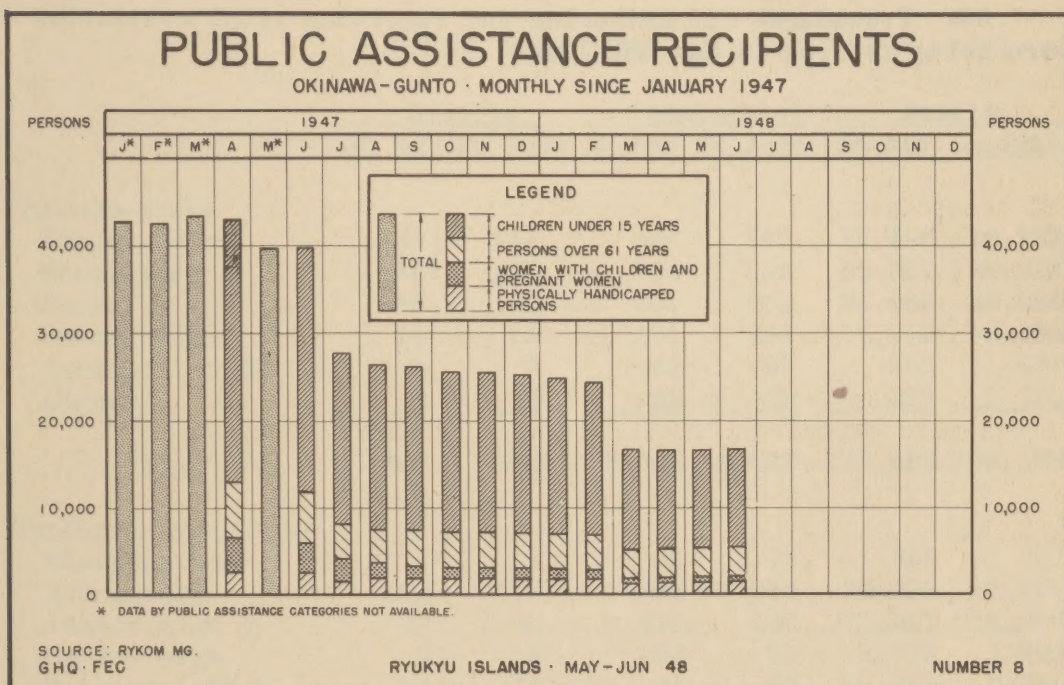
## PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

### Okinawa-gunto

19. Relief cases in Okinawa-gunto increased from 16,560 in May to 16,750 in June.

#### RELIEF CASES Okinawa-gunto

	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>
Under 15 years old	11,195	11,323
Over 61 years old	3,393	3,422
Pregnant women	6	6
Invalids	735	781
Deformed persons	616	611
Women with children	<u>615</u>	<u>607</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,560</b>	<b>16,750</b>



### Northern Ryukyus

20. Persons requiring relief in the Northern Ryukyus in June numbered 4,744. Twenty-eight destitute persons were being housed in the two welfare institutions in Naze, Amami-o-shima.

### Southern Ryukyus

21. In May Miyako contributed ¥ 15,397, goods and foodstuffs to 999 needy persons. In June 236.1 metric tons of food were distributed.

Yaeyama contributed ¥ 4,659 and 1,886 pounds of foodstuffs to 604 needy persons in May and in June 55.8 metric tons of food and other goods were contributed.

### Resettlement

22. Land released to Okinawans in May totaled 158 acres of which 75 acres were for resettlement and 83 acres were for cultivation only. In June 660 acres were released for resettlement.



### REPATRIATION

23. Ryukyuan repatriates numbered 887 in May and June. Of these 460 went to Okinawa-gunto. 370 to the Northern Ryukyus and 57 to the Southern Ryukyus. In June a total of 634 repatriates left Okinawa for Japan.

24. The Nippon Maru, a repatriation ship, arrived at Okinawa 1 May from Sasebo, Japan, and was quarantined until 6 May while repatriates completed immunization. During the quarantine one repatriate died of pneumonia. The vessel departed Okinawa 7 May with 59 passengers and 47 bags of mail.

25. The Kaiwo Maru, a repatriation ship, departed for Sasebo 6 June with 80 Japanese, three Koreans, four persons from Amami-oshima and 102 bags of mail. The Bogota Maru arrived at Okinawa 21 June from Sasebo and was quarantined for smallpox on arrival. One repatriate died of smallpox 23 June while the ship was in quarantine.

### VITAL STATISTICS

26. Procedures for gathering and reporting vital statistics were being revised in May and June.



# SECTION 2

## EDUCATION, RELIGION AND CULTURE

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### EDUCATION

#### School Enrollment

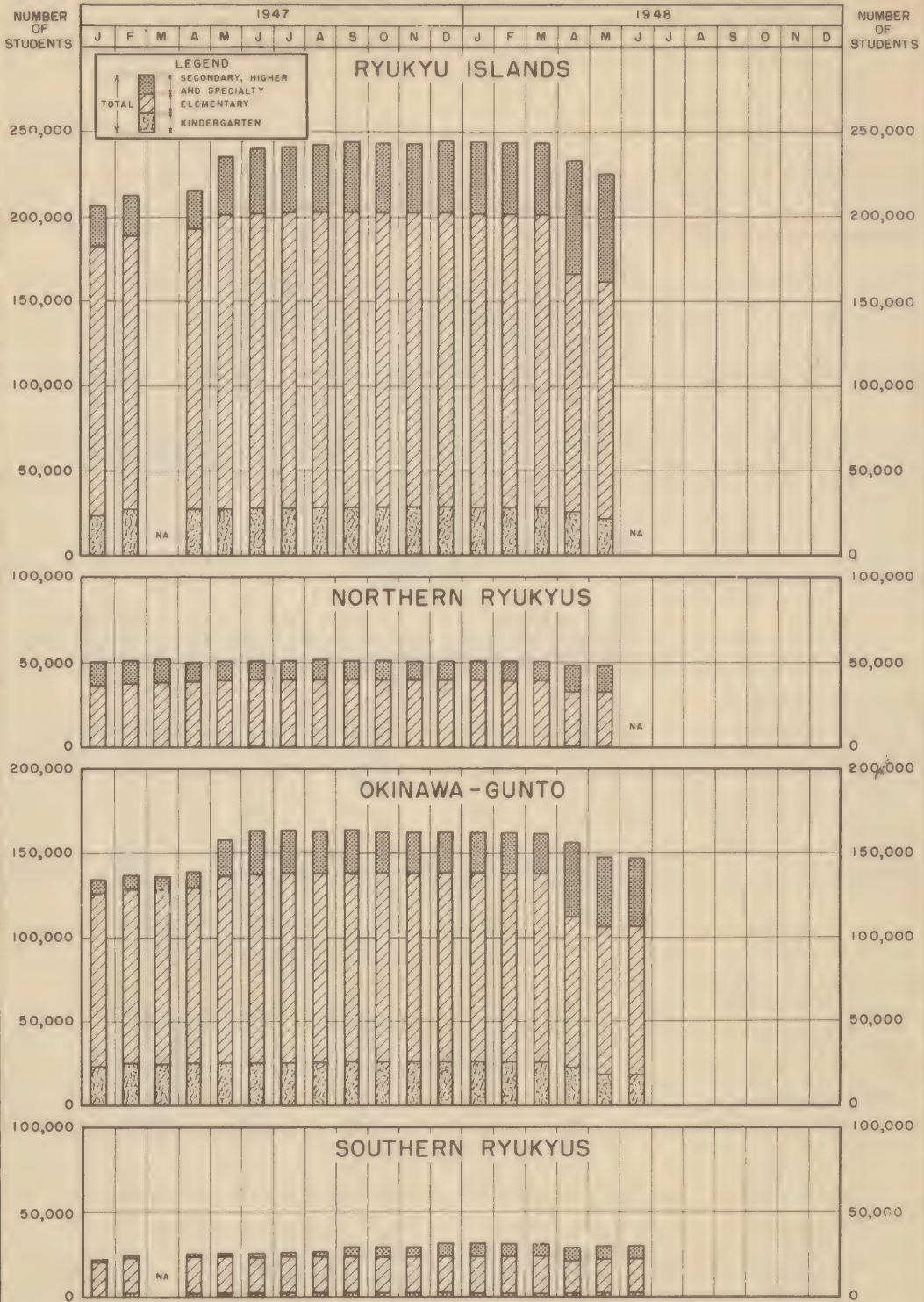
1. Due to inadequate school facilities school enrollments continued to show a decrease. The number of pupils registered in June was 225,425, compared with 225,528 enrolled in May and 236,190 in April.

#### SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

	<u>Schools</u>		<u>Teachers</u>		<u>Pupils</u>	
	<u>26 May</u>	<u>26 June</u>	<u>26 May</u>	<u>26 June</u>	<u>26 May</u>	<u>26 June</u>
Okinawa-gunto						
Kindergarten	138	134	580	569	18,420	18,299
Elementary	143	143	1,928	1,928	88,217	88,217
Junior high	46	46	831	831	33,284	33,284
Senior high	14	14	296	284	7,033	6,684
Technical high	3	3	49	49	432	431
Higher	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>297</u>	<u>284</u>
Total	346	342	3,705	3,682	147,683	147,199
Northern Ryukyus <u>a/</u>						
Kindergarten	5	5	21	23	689	707
Elementary	102	102	862	865	32,128	31,951
Junior high <u>b/</u>	40	40	436	438	11,527	11,677
Senior high	2	2	58	59	1,776	1,780
Technical high	<u>14</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>1,941</u>	<u>2,055</u>
Total	163	163	1,448	1,457	48,061	48,170
Miyako-retto						
Kindergarten	17	17	48	49	2,237	2,246
Elementary	17	17	244	245	11,774	11,752
Junior high	9	9	150	150	3,892	3,969
Senior high	2	2	42	41	760	760
Agriculture and forestry high	1	1	11	11	93	93
Fisheries high	1	1	11	11	77	77
Teachers' training <u>c/</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>32</u>
Total	48	48	518	519	18,865	18,929



SCHOOL ENROLLMENT  
ON LAST DAY OF EACH MONTH SINCE JANUARY 1947



SCHOOL	AREA	AVERAGE NUMBER OF STUDENTS PER TEACHER AS OF 31 MAY 1948										
		0	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50
ALL SCHOOLS	RYUKYU ISLANDS	38										
	NORTHERN RYUKYUS	34										
	OKINAWA-GUNTO	40										
	SOUTHERN RYUKYUS	36										
KINDERGARTENS	RYUKYU ISLANDS	33										
	NORTHERN RYUKYUS	31										
	OKINAWA-GUNTO	32										
	SOUTHERN RYUKYUS	45										
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS	RYUKYU ISLANDS	43										
	NORTHERN RYUKYUS	37										
	OKINAWA-GUNTO	45										
	SOUTHERN RYUKYUS	45										
JUNIOR HIGH, SENIOR HIGH, HIGHER AND SPECIALTY SCHOOLS	RYUKYU ISLANDS	31										
	NORTHERN RYUKYUS	27										
	OKINAWA-GUNTO	35										
	SOUTHERN RYUKYUS	23										

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	<u>Schools</u>		<u>Teachers</u>		<u>Pupils</u>	
	<u>26 May</u>	<u>26 June</u>	<u>26 May</u>	<u>26 June</u>	<u>26 May</u>	<u>26 June</u>
Yaeyama-retto						
Kindergarten	3	3	12	11	427	428
Elementary	17	17	192	192	7,680	7,852
Junior high	1	1	17	17	440	443
Senior high	1	1	17	15	207	180
Agriculture and forestry high	1	1	17	17	249	237
Vocational	11	11	51	56	1,916	1,951
Teachers' training	-	1	-	2	-	36
Total	34	35	306	310	10,919	11,127

- a/ April and May figures. All Northern Ryukyus school attendance figures are reported one month late.
- b/ Twenty-five junior high schools use facilities of primary school buildings.
- c/ School uses facilities of Girls' Junior High School.
2. A new senior high school was established at Kodake, Okinawa, 25 May with an enrollment of approximately 400 students.
3. The Kume-jima High School, Okinawa-gunto, which was formerly a branch school, was established as an independent fulltime high school.
4. The opening ceremony for the new teachers' training school at Yaeyama was held 7 June.
5. In the Northern Ryukyus one primary and three junior high schools were constructed while three primary and one junior high schools were repaired in May.
6. Five Okinawan students were approved by Military Government to attend colleges and universities in the United States under the sponsorship of the Okinawa Relief and Rehabilitation League of Hawaii. Their names were submitted to the Far East Command for approval 25 May.
7. A literary exhibition was held at the Naha High School, Okinawa, 22, 23 and 24 May.
8. The Teachers' Association of Irabu, Miyako, held a meeting to study and to discuss the recently adopted 6-3-3 educational system.

#### Supplies

9. Approximately 1,000,000 textbooks for all grades were received from Japan 25 May for distribution throughout the Ryukyus.

In June 300,000 textbooks were distributed to the schools on Okinawa-gunto and 120,000 textbooks were sent to Miyako.

10. Four 35-mm slide projectors and four 16-mm moving picture projectors were distributed to further the Ryukyus re-education and reorientation program.

11. Among the articles of clothing for students and school supplies received in the Northern Ryukyus were 384 dresses, 200 one-piece suits, 200 pairs of gloves, one magic lantern, 2,000 notebooks, 100 barrels of nails and 200 stoves and pots.



## RELIGION AND CULTURE

12. Christian church activities in the Southern Ryukyus were as follows:

### CHRISTIAN CHURCH ACTIVITIES Southern Ryukyus

	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>
Church services	4	4
Average attendance	175	200
Sunday school meetings	4	4
Average attendance	150	175
Prayer meetings	4	4
Average attendance	80	-
Leper colony services	4	4
Average attendance	100	175
Prison services	1	1
Average attendance	20	20

13. In the Northern Ryukyus 41 church services, eight Sunday school services and four prison services were held in June.

14. Buddhist services were held weekly in the Northern and Southern Ryukyus.

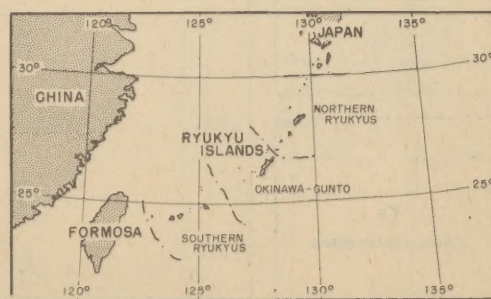
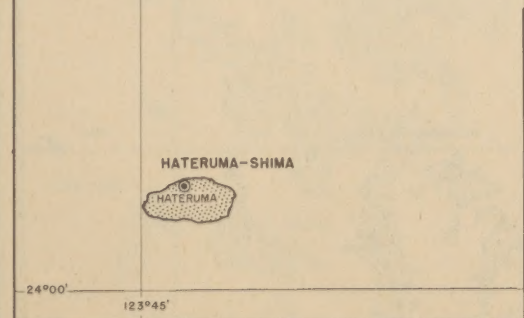
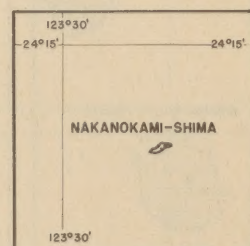
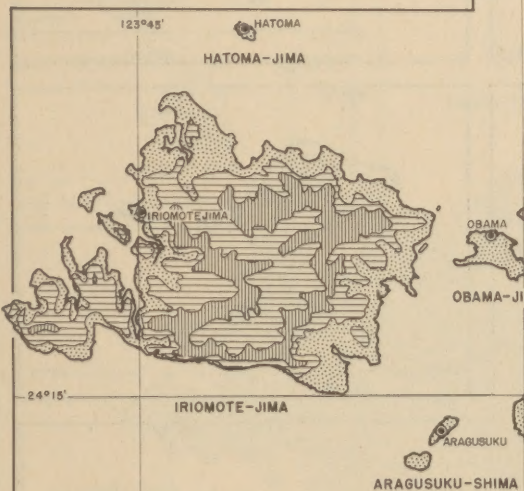
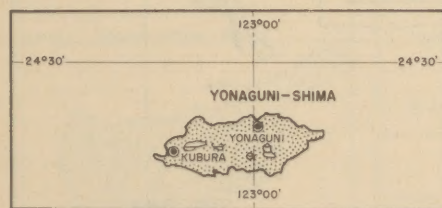
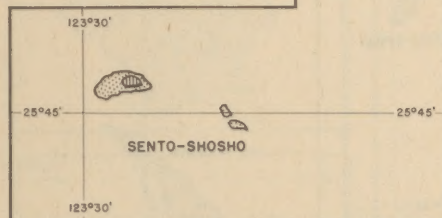
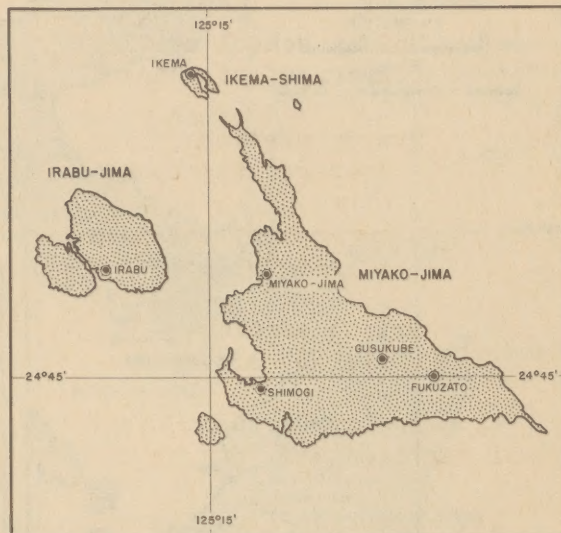
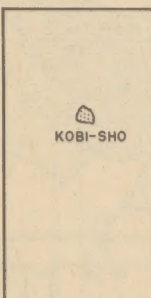
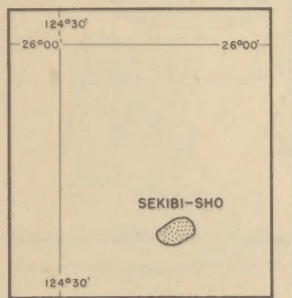
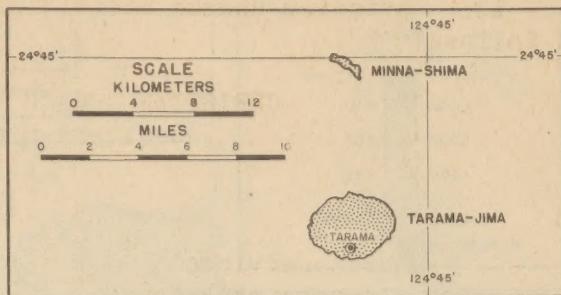
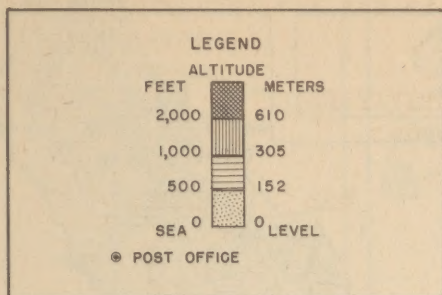
15. Under the auspices of the Young Men's and Young Women's Associations, weekly meetings of Ryukyuan youths continued throughout the islands with periodic lectures and social training in English, civics, agriculture, current events, personal hygiene, sanitation and current economic problems.

16. Four actors' guilds provided entertainment for the general public in the Northern Ryukyus. In June 42 theater performances were given in Miyako and 10 in Yaeyama.



# SOUTHERN RYUKYUS

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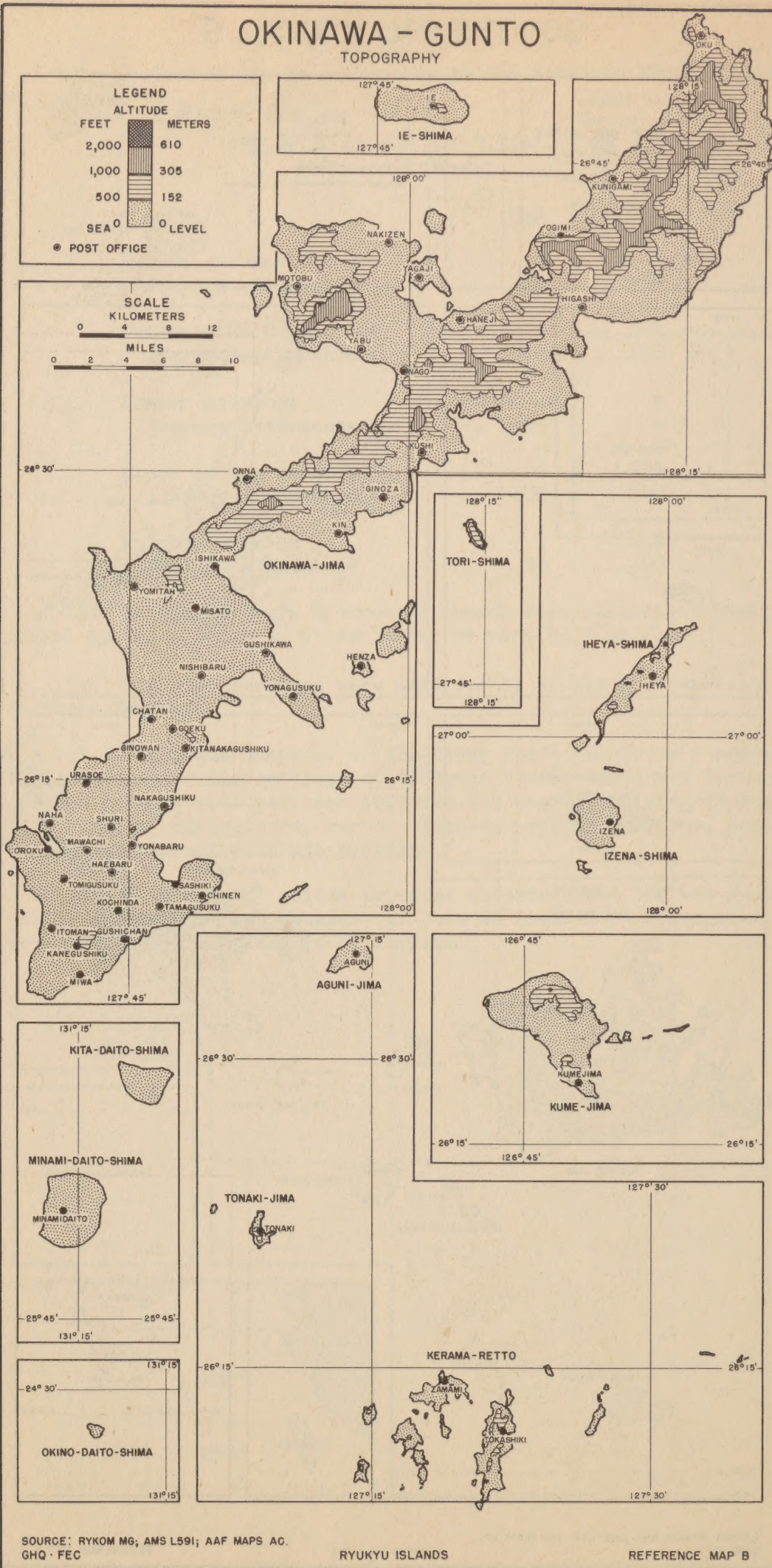
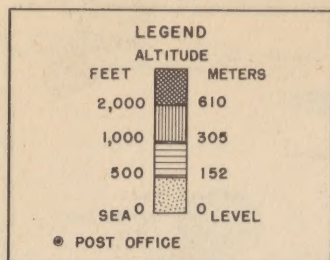
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# OKINAWA - GUNTO

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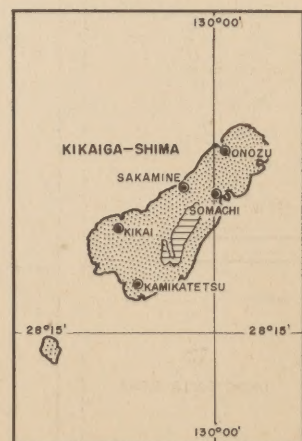
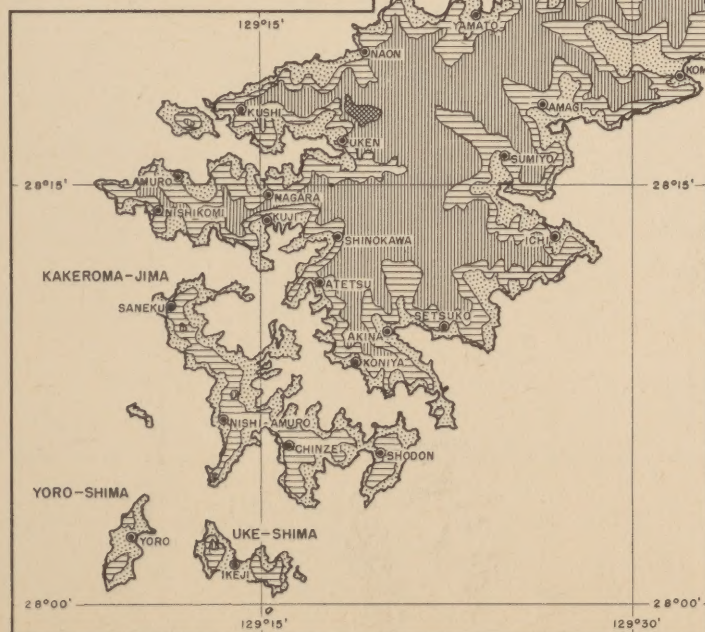
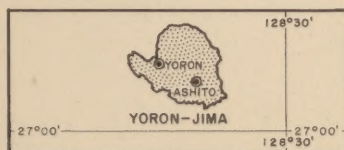
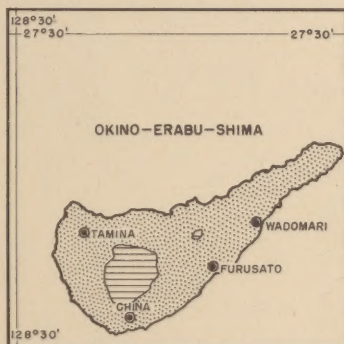
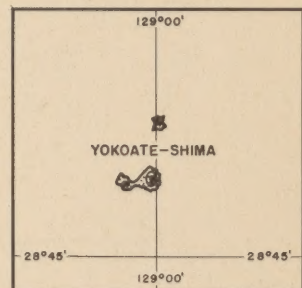
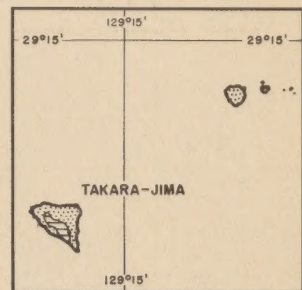
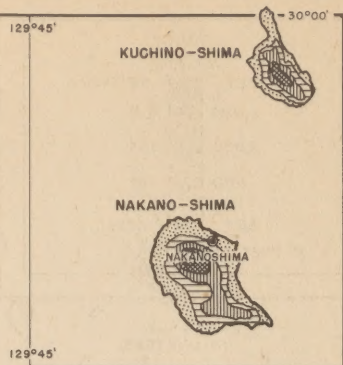
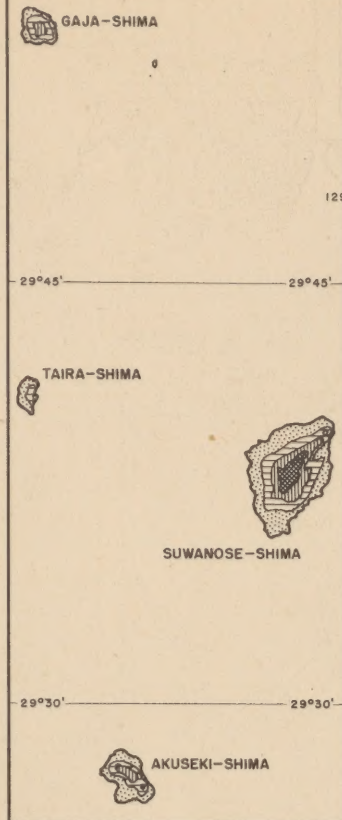
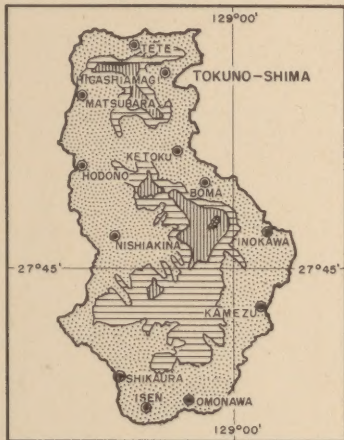
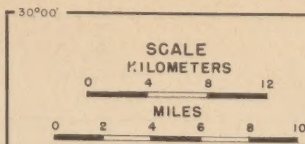
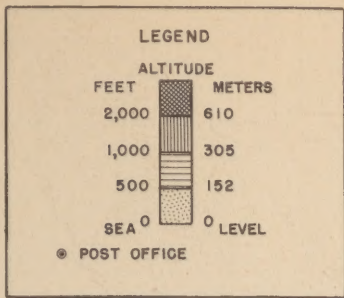
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